

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Philip A. Furman Confirmation No. 6903
Application No. : 10/618,531
Filed : July 11, 2003
Group Art Unit : 1614
Examiner : Donna Jagoe
Title : *Combination Therapies with L-FMAU for the Treatment of
Hepatitis B Virus Infection*
Docket No. : 04674.105070 (TRI1016)
Customer No. : 20786

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 7, 2010

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

A Final Office Action was mailed in the above-referenced application on August 4, 2009. Applicants submitted a Notice of Appeal and a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, both filed February 4, 2010. A Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review, issued February 23, 2010, indicated that the application remains under appeal because there is at least one actual issue for appeal.

In lieu of the Appeal Brief, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination of this application and a response to the Final Office Action. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks. A Petition for Extension of Time for five months, thus extending the due date to and including September 7, 2010, and payment of the required fees is included. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.